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SUBJECT: SOUTHERN AFRICAN REFUGEE EDUCATION PROJECT

1. THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN REFUGEE EDUCATION PROJECT (SAREP), FORMERLY THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN TRAINING PROGRAM (SATP) PROVIDES EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE IN ASYLUM COUNTRIES TO REFUGEE STUDENTS FROM SOUTH AFRICA, NAMIBIA, RHODESIA, ANGOLA, AND MOZAMBIQUE. THE TERM REFUGEE REFERS TO ANY PERSON WHO "OWING TO A WELL-FOUNDED FEAR OF BEING PERSECUTED FOR REASONS OF RACE, RELIGION, NATIONALITY, MEMBERSHIP OF A PARTICULAR SOCIAL GROUP OR POLITICAL OPINION, IS OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY OF HIS NATIONALITY AND IS UNABLE OR, Owing TO SUCH FEAR, IS UNWILLING TO AVAIL HIMSELF OF THE PROTECTION OF THAT COUNTRY; OR WHO, NOT HAVING A NATIONALITY AND BEING OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY OF HIS FORMER HABITUAL RESIDENCE TO IT." SAREP IS ADMINISTERED BY THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN INSTITUTE (AAI) THROUGH FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE - S/R:ORM.

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2. HOWEVER, DUE TO THE FORTHCOMING INDEPENDENCE OF ANGOLA

AND MOZAMBIQUE, WE NO LONGER FORESEE THE NEED TO RECRUIT NEW REFUGEE STUDENTS FROM THESE TWO COUNTRIES FOR THE SAREP. WE WILL NOT DISCONTINUE ASSISTANCE TO THOSE ANGOLAN AND MOZAMBICAN REFUGEE STUDENTS WHO ARE CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN

THE SAREP, UNLESS THEIR INDIVIDUAL PROGRESS BECOMES UNSATISFACTORY, OR TO THOSE WHOSE APPLICATIONS ARE PRESENTLY BEING CONSIDERED. THEREFORE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING THE NAMES OF ANY SUCH STUDENTS THAT YOU MAY BE AWARE OF WHOSE APPLICATIONS ARE ALREADY IN THE PIPELINE.

3. PRESENTLY, THERE ARE 45 SCHOLARSHIPS FUNDED BY THE SAREP. THESE AWARDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR STUDY PROGRAMS IN AFRICAN INSTITUTIONS AT THE UNIVERSITY LEVEL OR POST SECONDARY TECHNICAL/VOCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS. SPECIAL CONSIDERATION IS GIVEN TO INDIVIDUALS IN FIELDS OF STUDY RELATED TO PRIORITY REQUIREMENTS ON THE AFRICAN CONTINENT, SUCH AS: AGRICULTURE, EDUCATION, BUSINESS AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, NATURAL RESOURCES, MEDICINE AND PUBLIC HEALTH, SECRETARIAL SCIENCE, SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS, TECHNOLOGICAL STUDIES, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, TRANSPORT AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS, NURSING AND PARAMEDICAL STUDIES.

4. APPLICANTS SHOULD HAVE THE ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED TO UNDERTAKE THE COURSES THEY ARE INTERESTED IN AND SHOULD PREFERABLY HAVE ALREADY GAINED ADMISSION TO A SCHOOL. THE SAREP SECRETARIAT IS WILLING TO GRANT INTERIM CONSIDERATION TO REFUGEE APPLICANTS WHO MAY NOT YET HAVE SECURED ADMISSION. THE FOLLOWING IS ALSO REQUIRED:

- COMPLETION OF FORMAL AAI APPLICATION FORMS.
- SUBMISSION OF TWO LETTERS OF REFERENCE (ONE SHOULD PREFERABLY BE FROM AN OFFICIAL OF THE LIBERATION MOVEMENT OF HIS COUNTRY, OR IF NOT OBTAINABLE, REFERENCES FROM THE OAU BUREAU FOR THE PLACEMENT AND EDUCATION OF AFRICAN REFUGEES (BPEAR), ONE OF THE UNITED NATIONS AGENCIES DEALING WITH REFUGEES (UNHCR), OR OTHER NATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL BODIES PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES ARE CONSIDERED).
- SUBMISSION OF PHOTO-COPIES OF ALL PREVIOUS ACADEMIC WORK.
- VALID INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION IF TRAVELLING UNCLASSIFIED

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OUT OF THE ASYLUM COUNTRY.

THE SAREP AWARDS COVER THE FOLLOWING:

- NORMAL TUITION AND FEES
- ALLOWANCES FOR ROOM, BOARD, PERSONAL NECESSITIES, SUPPLIES, BOOKS, AND COVERAGE BY A MEDICAL INSURANCE POLICY.
- COST OF TRANSPORTATION FROM POINT OF ORIGIN TO THE

SCHOOL AND RETURN TRAVEL UPON THE COMPLETION OF COURSE OF STUDIES.

5. PERSONS INTERESTED IN APPLYING FOR SAREP SCHOLARSHIPS SHOULD WRITE DIRECTLY TO THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN REFUGEE EDUCATION PROJECT, AFRICAN-AMERICAN INSTITUTE, 833 UNITED NATIONS PLAZA, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10017.

6. SAREP ALSO PROVIDES FUNDS THROUGH THE UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES FOR SECONDARY EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR UP TO 100 REFUGEE STUDENTS AT NKUMBI INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE IN LUSAKA, ZAMBIA. PERSONS INTERESTED IN APPLYING FOR THIS PROGRAM SHOULD WRITE DIRECTLY TO THE UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE, P.O. BOX 2542, LUSAKA, ZAMBIA. INGERSOLL

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